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SUBJ: ATIQUI SAYS NO RETURN TO EMBARGO

1. KUWAIT PAPERS MAY 21 FEATURE STATEMENT BY KUWAIT MINISTER FINANCE & OIL WHICH APPEARED IN BEIRUT NEWSPAPER AL-BEYRAK THAT KUWAIT WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT TRY TO REIMPOSE OIL EMBARGO ON U.S. ATIQUI QUOTED AS SAYING "WE DO NOT WANT TO BE ENEMIES OF AMERICAN PEOPLE NOR DO WE SEEK HOSTILITY OF U.S. KUWAIT CONSIDERS THAT U.S. IS ONLY COUNTRY THAT IS SINCERELY WORKING FOR PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST. IT HAS ABANDONED ITS TRADITIONAL SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL BECAUSE IT BELIEVES IN HUMAN JUSTICE. THERE WILL BE NO RETURN TO EMBARGO AT LEAST UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES BUT IF NEW ELEMENT APPEARS WE SHALL RECONSIDER (OUR) POSITION".

2. U.S. BUSINESSMAN WHO SAW ATIQUI MAY 21 TOLD EMBOFF THAT ATIQUI CONFIRMED ESSENTIAL ACCURACY OF PRESS STATEMENTS. HOWEVER, ATIQUI INDICATED THAT IT UNLIKELY THAT KUWAIT WILL SOFTEN POSITION ON OTHER IMPORTANT OIL ISSUES. SPECIFICALLY ATIQUI INDICATED IT WOULD BE UNLIKELY THAT KUWAIT WOULD INCREASE ITS OIL PRODUCTION SOON. ON PRICES HE CONTINUED TO TAKE HARD LINE AND SAID THAT AS LONG AS INFLATION WAS RAMPANT IN THE WEST, OIL PRICES WOULD BE MAINTAINED AT A HIGH LEVEL, IN EFFECT, AS MEANS OF SELF-DEFENSE.

3. DISCUSSION CURRENT COMPANY/GOK TALKS ON BUY-BACK PROBLEM BY SEPTTEL.
STOLTZFUS

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